

Andrew Jackson to James Craine Bronaugh, July 15, 1821, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO DR. JAMES C. BRONAUGH.

“Sunday Evening” July 15, 1821.

Genl Jackson with compliments to Doctor Bronaugh informs him that the Genl will be in Pensacola to breakfast on tuesday at half after six A. M, and a number of the officers of the army as well as the officers of the Navy from the Hornett—will the Doctor have the goodness to aid Lt Donelson in making the necessary preparations for Breakfast, and also dinner. The scripture says return good for evil, in this feeling I intend asking the Govr. and his secrataries to dine with me, he is as I suppose, very sore, and if he was devoid of urbanity I mean to shew him I at least possess magnanimity by which I will heap coals upon his head. had I agreed to the ceremony this day proposed by him we would have had no time for dinner, but as useless ceremony is a great tax upon me, I have waved all that could be dispensed with and I suppose we will get through about eleven oclock and have the star spangled banner waving over our dinner. I have been compelled today to respond to three long letters. my answers were short.

If your duties will permit I would be happy to see you some time tomorrow, I would ask you to dine, but it would be a tax upon your appetite. The Genl has not slept much this two nights—he was obliged night before last to write untill after one oclock, and the musquitoes, disturbed him last [night], this night he expects to sleep as he has a barr, and hopes his correspondence is closed with his Excellency